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95. (Amended) A therapeutic agent for stimulating the immune system comprising an isolated peptide or protein having lectinic properties and comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO.5, in monomer or dimer form, and a pharmaceutical excipient.

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- 97. (Amended) A method of stimulating the infillume system, comprising administering, to a subject in need of such stimulation, an isolated peptide or protein having lectinic properties and comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, and a pharmaceutical excipient.
- 93. (Amended) A method of stimulating the immune system, comprising administering, to a subject in need of such stimulation, an isolated peptide or protein having lectinic properties and comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:3, and a pharmaceutical excipient.
- 99 (Amended) A method of stimulating the immune system, comprising administering, to a subject in need of such stimulation, an isolated peptide or protein having lectinic properties and comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4, and a pharmaceutical excipient.
- administering, to a subject in need of such stimulation, an isolated peptide or protein having lectinic properties and comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:5, and a pharmaceutical excipient.
- 101. (Amended) A method of stimulating the immune system, comprising administering, to a subject in need of such stimulation, an isolated peptide or protein having lectinic properties and comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:6, and a pharmaccutical excipient.
- 102. (Amended) A therapeutic agent as claimed in claim 70, additionally comprising pharmaceutical excipient.

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- 103. (Amended) A therapeutic agent as claimed in claim 72, additionally comprising a pharmaceutical excipient.
- 104. (Amended) A therapeutic agent as claimed in claim 74, additionally comprising a pharmacentical excipient.
- 105. (Amended) A therapeutic agent as claimed in claim 78, additionally comprising a pharmaceutical excipient.